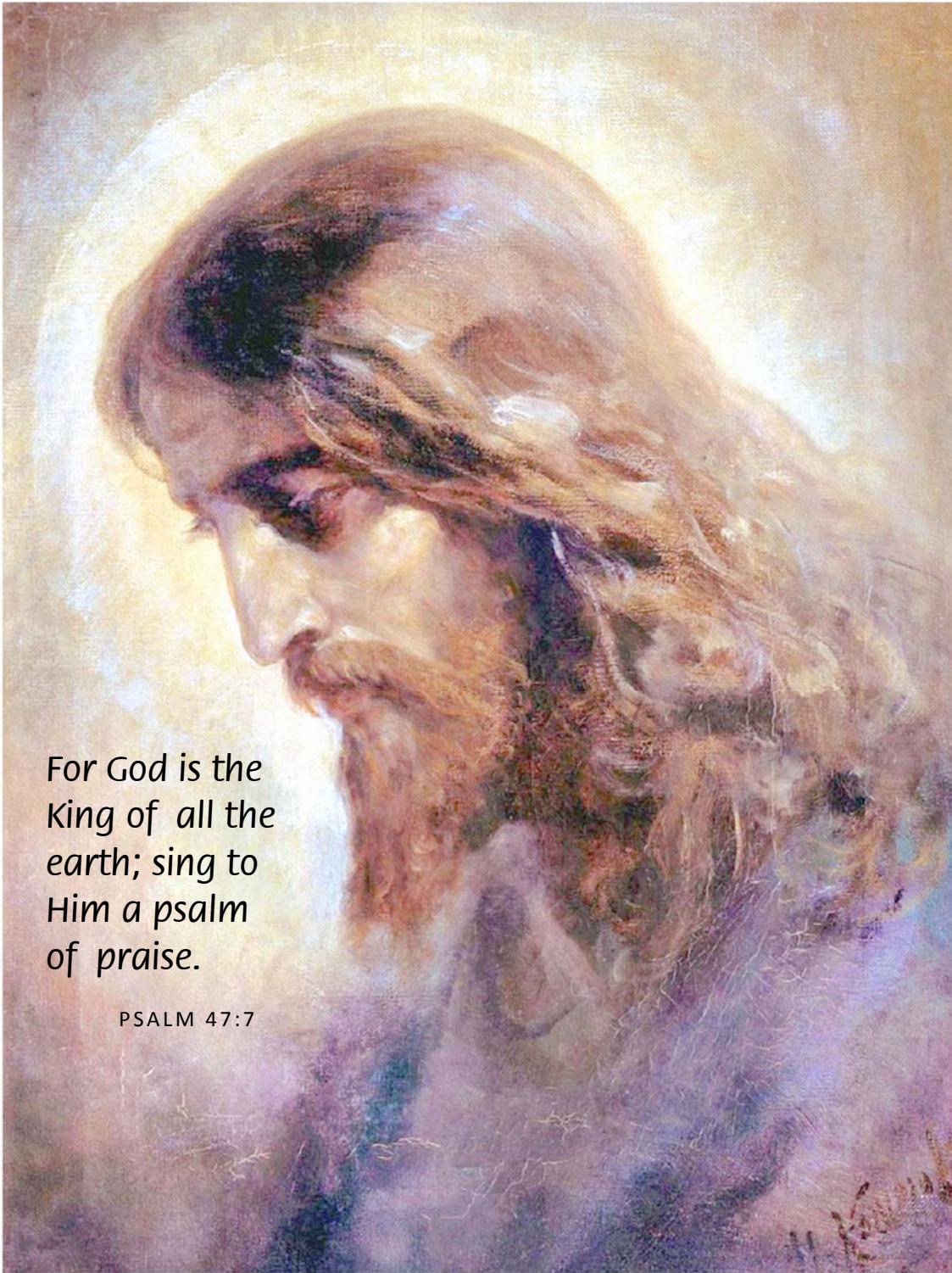


# *Feast of Christ the King*



For God is the  
King of all the  
earth; sing to  
Him a psalm  
of praise.

PSALM 47:7

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**Netcong, New Jersey**

## The Church of Saint Michael

November 26, 2023

Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe



Please remember in your prayers those who have died

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: May Lee, Special Intention, Lucy Pintos, Karlene Yaple, Joseph Conklin, Marysia Hancock, Bev Couter, Kathy Conklin, Special Intention, Carmen Pina, Paula DiElsi, Roseann Lehmann, Louis DiBernard, Tim Paternostro, Margie Kern, John Matits, Elsie DeFeo, Alina & Luca Chretien, The Buga Family

### Readings for the Week

#### Christ the King of the Universe

Proverbs 31: 10-13

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Matthew 25: 14-30

### Special Remembrance

The hosts and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, were given in loving memory of: *James and Anna Pucci*

### Marian Flowers

The Marian floral arrangement for this week in the month of October was given in loving memory of

*Pinsonault Family*

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 25

5pm Robert G. Klinck

Sunday, November 26 - Christ the King

7am William Snyder Jr.

9:30am Ronald E. Costanzo

11:30am Diane Lapsley

1:30pm Special Intention

Monday, November 27

10am Tomisina Grogan & Andrew Weaver

Tuesday, November 28

10am Special Intention

Wednesday, November 29

10am Chet Verdi

Thursday, November 30

8 am Margaret Lamanna

Friday, December 1

10am Richard Fletcher, Theresa Donnarumma

Saturday, December 2

10am Rich & Jackie Palmer

5pm Peggy Rea, Raymond J. DeFalco

Sunday, December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

7am Richie DiRenzo

9:30am Paula Tardive

11:30am Edward & Dorothy Dowling, Ellinita Conroy

1:30pm Special Intention

### Weekly Donations

Sunday, November 12

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We certainly know that there are many things and people pulling at you this time of the year. We ask that you bring your decision to give before the Lord and allow Him to direct you in returning to Him what you receive!

### Advent Recollection

The Parish will have an *Advent Evening of Recollection* Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Presented by the Salesian Sisters, Sr. Theresa Kelly, FMA & Sr. Nivia Arias, FMA.

## Liturgical Calendar



The Liturgical Year, also known as the Church Year or Christian Year, consists of the cycle of liturgical seasons in Christian churches that determines when Feast Days (including celebrations of saints) are to be observed and which portions of Holy Scripture are to be read (either in an annual cycle or in a cycle of several years).

Distinct liturgical colors are used (both in vestments, banners and altar linens) in connection with different seasons of the Liturgical Year. In the Roman Church, the following colors are used:

- Green (Ordinary Time)
- Purple/Blue (Advent)
- Purple (Lent or funerals)
- Gold/White (Easter, Christ the King, Trinity Sunday or funerals)
- Red (Pentecost and Martyrs)

During this Liturgical cycle, the Catholic Church sets aside certain days and seasons to recall and celebrate various events in the life of Christ. In the Latin (Roman) Rite, the liturgical year begins with [Advent](#) (the time of preparation for both the celebration of Jesus' birth, and His expected second coming at the end of time). This season lasts until [Christmas Eve](#) on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Christmastide follows, beginning with First Vespers of Christmas on the evening of December 24<sup>th</sup> and ending with the [Feast of the Baptism of the Lord](#). Traditionally, the end of Christmastide was February 2<sup>nd</sup> (or the [Feast of the Presentation of the Lord](#)) also known as Candlemas. This feast recounts the forty (40) days of rest Mary took before being purified and presenting her first-born Son to the Temple in Jerusalem.

[Lent](#) is the period of purification and penance that begins on [Ash Wednesday](#) and ends on [Holy Thursday](#). The Holy Thursday evening [Mass of the Lord's Supper](#) marks the beginning of the [Easter Triduum](#) (which includes [Good Friday](#), [Holy Saturday](#), and [Easter Sunday](#)). The days of the Easter Triduum recall Jesus' Last Supper with His Disciples, death on the cross, burial, and Resurrection. The seven-week liturgical season of [Easter](#) immediately following the Triduum, finds its climax at [Pentecost](#) (recalling the descent of the

Holy Spirit upon Jesus' Disciples and His Blessed Mother) after the [Ascension](#). The remainder of the liturgical year is commonly known as "[Ordinary Time](#)".

The start of a new Liturgical Year, beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, also marks the transition in the Lectionary Cycle (A, B, or C) to the next. These cycles are a result of the Second Vatican Council, which ordered a change in the Sunday readings at Mass so that Catholics would become more familiar with the text of the Bible. As a result we now have a three-year cycle of readings built around readings from the three synoptic Gospels; Saint Matthew, Saint Mark and Saint Luke.

The Lectionary is the bound book, which is used at Mass. It is arranged in two cycles; one for Sundays and one for weekdays.

The Sunday cycle is divided into three years (A, B, and C). 2023 was Year A. 2024 will be Year B, 2025 will be Year C. In Year A, we read mostly from the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B, we read the Gospel of Mark and chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. In Year C, we read the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of John is read during the Easter season in all three years. The First Reading, usually from the Old Testament, reflects important themes from the Gospel reading. The Second Reading is usually from one of the Epistles, a letter written to an early church community. These letters are read semi-continuously. Each Sunday, we pick up close to where we left off the Sunday before, though some passages are never read.

The weekday cycle is divided into two years (Year I and Year II). Year I is read in odd-numbered years (2023, 2025, etc.) and Year II is used in even-numbered years (2024, 2026, etc.) The Gospels for both years are the same. During the year, the Gospels are read semi-continuously, beginning with Mark, then moving on to Matthew and Luke. The Gospel of John is read during the Easter season. For Advent, Christmas, and Lent, readings are chosen that are appropriate to the season. The first reading on weekdays may be taken from the Old or the New Testament. Typically, a single book is read semi-continuously (i.e., some passages are not read) until it is finished and then a new book is started.

The year of the cycle does not change on January 1, but on the First Sunday of Advent (usually late November) which is the beginning of the Liturgical Year.

In addition to the Sunday and weekday cycles, the Lectionary provides readings for Feasts of the Saints, for common celebrations such as Marian feasts, for ritual Masses (e.g. weddings, funerals, etc.), for votive Masses and for various needs. These readings have been selected to reflect the themes of these celebrations.

So this weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ King of the Universe which marks the end of Cycle A. With the celebration of the First Weekend of Advent (December 3<sup>rd</sup>), Cycle B begins.

El Año Litúrgico, también conocido como el Año Eclesiástico o Año Cristiano, consta del ciclo de estaciones litúrgicas en las iglesias cristianas que determina cuándo se deben observar los Días de Fiesta (incluidas las celebraciones de los santos) y qué porciones de las Sagradas Escrituras se deben leer (ya sea en un ciclo anual o en un ciclo de varios años).

Se utilizan colores litúrgicos distintos (tanto en vestimentas, pancartas y ornamentos del altar) en conexión con las diferentes estaciones del Año Litúrgico. En la Iglesia Romana, se utilizan los siguientes colores:

- Verde (Tiempo Ordinario)
- Morado/Azul (Adviento)
- Morado (Cuaresma o funerales)
- Oro/Blanco (Pascua, Cristo Rey, Domingo de la Trinidad o funerales)
- Rojo (Pentecostés y Mártires)

Durante este ciclo litúrgico, la Iglesia Católica reserva ciertos días y estaciones para recordar y celebrar varios eventos en la vida de Cristo. En el Rito Latino (Romano), el año litúrgico comienza con el Adviento (el tiempo de preparación tanto para la celebración del nacimiento de Jesús como para Su esperada segunda venida al final de los tiempos). Esta temporada dura hasta la Nochebuena el 24 de diciembre. Le sigue la Navidad, que comienza con las Primeras Vísperas de Navidad en la tarde del 24 de diciembre y termina con la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor. Tradicionalmente, el final de la Navidad era el 2 de febrero (o la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor), también conocida como Candelaria. Esta fiesta relata los cuarenta (40) días de descanso que María tomó antes de ser purificada y presentar a su primogénito en el Templo de Jerusalén.

La Cuaresma es el período de purificación y penitencia que comienza el Miércoles de Ceniza y termina el Jueves Santo. La Misa de la Cena del Señor en la tarde del Jueves Santo marca el inicio del Triduo Pascual (que incluye el Viernes Santo, el Sábado Santo y el Domingo de Resurrección). Los días del Triduo Pascual recuerdan la Última Cena de Jesús con Sus Discípulos, Su muerte en la cruz, el sepulcro y la Resurrección. La temporada litúrgica de siete semanas de Pascua, que sigue inmediatamente al Triduo, alcanza su clímax en Pentecostés (recordando el descenso del Espíritu Santo sobre los Discípulos de Jesús y Su Santa Madre) después de la Ascensión. El resto del año litúrgico se conoce comúnmente como "Tiempo Ordinario".

El comienzo de un nuevo Año Litúrgico, que comienza con el primer domingo de Adviento, también marca la transición en el Ciclo de Leccionario (A, B o C) al siguiente. Estos ciclos son resultado del Concilio Vaticano II, que ordenó un cambio en las lecturas dominicales en la Misa para que los católicos se

familiarizaran más con el texto de la Biblia. Como resultado, ahora tenemos un ciclo de tres años de lecturas basado en los tres Evangelios sinópticos: San Mateo, San Marcos y San Lucas.

El Leccionario es el libro encuadrado que se utiliza en la Misa. Está organizado en dos ciclos: uno para los domingos y otro para los días de la semana.

El ciclo dominical se divide en tres años (A, B y C). El 2023 fue el Año A. El 2024 será el Año B, y el 2025 será el Año C. En el Año A, leemos principalmente del Evangelio de Mateo. En el Año B, leemos el Evangelio de Marcos y el capítulo 6 del Evangelio de Juan. En el Año C, leemos el Evangelio de Lucas. El Evangelio de Juan se lee durante la temporada de Pascua en los tres años. La Primera Lectura, generalmente del Antiguo Testamento, refleja temas importantes de la lectura del Evangelio. La Segunda Lectura suele ser de una de las Epístolas, una carta escrita a una comunidad cristiana primitiva. Estas cartas se leen de manera semi-continua. Cada domingo, retomamos cerca de donde dejamos el domingo anterior, aunque algunas pasajes nunca se lean.

El ciclo de días de la semana se divide en dos años (Año I y Año II). El Año I se lee en años impares (2023, 2025, etc.) y el Año II se utiliza en años pares (2024, 2026, etc.). Los Evangelios para ambos años son los mismos. Durante el año, los Evangelios se leen de manera semi-continua, comenzando con Marcos y luego pasando a Mateo y Lucas. El Evangelio de Juan se lee durante la temporada de Pascua. Para Adviento, Navidad y Cuaresma, se eligen lecturas apropiadas a la temporada. La primera lectura en los días de la semana puede ser tomada del Antiguo o del Nuevo Testamento. Normalmente, se lee un solo libro de manera semi-continua (es decir, algunas pasajes no se leen) hasta que se termina y luego se comienza un nuevo libro.

El año del ciclo no cambia el 1 de enero, sino el primer domingo de Adviento (generalmente a finales de noviembre), que es el inicio del Año Litúrgico.

Además de los ciclos dominicales y de días de la semana, el Leccionario proporciona lecturas para las Fiestas de los Santos, para celebraciones comunes como las fiestas marianas, para Misas rituales (por ejemplo, bodas, funerales, etc.), para Misas votivas y para diversas necesidades. Estas lecturas han sido seleccionadas para reflejar los temas de estas celebraciones.

Así que este fin de semana celebramos la Solemnidad de Cristo Rey del Universo, que marca el final del Ciclo A. Con la celebración del Primer Fin de Semana de Adviento (3 de diciembre), comienza el Ciclo B.



## Faith Formation

### Calendar Reminders - Levels 1-6

- 11/26: Mass only, no class
- 12/3: Mass and Family Session. This session will run differently, please see note below.

### Confirmation I:

- 11/26: Mass only, no class
- 12/3: Mass followed by service work

### Confirmation II and NET:

- 11/26: Mass only, no class
- 12/3: Class and Mass

**Confirmation II candidates:** CLASS on Monday, Nov. 27 at 6:30 pm in the Church. This is a regular class session; attendance is expected!



### REMINDER Confirmation II candidates:

Saint Report is due in the Faith Formation office 11/30! Please see your binder for instruction sheet. You may drop off a hard copy OR email the report (IN WORD).

### December Family Session for Levels K-6

The presentation this month will take place after the 9:30 am Mass in the school. You have received an information email with directions and details. Please contact the office with questions.

### First Reconciliation Retreat

For all children preparing for First Communion this year; a parent must attend as well (no siblings please) Dec. 2, 10:45-12:30 pm starting in the Church. Please call the Faith Formation office if you have any questions or problems.



### Help Needed!

We are in need of a classroom aide on Sundays, after the 9:30 mass until 11:30am. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Rogalo:

[faith.formation@stmichaelnetcong.org](mailto:faith.formation@stmichaelnetcong.org)

In general Aides do not plan lessons—you are there to assist the catechist primarily with classroom management.

## Youth Ministry

Join us for Youth Ministry Meetings (8<sup>th</sup> grade to senior high school) every Monday evening at 7:00 pm in the Youth Ministry room.  
All Youth are Welcome!

## Adoration Chapel

If you are looking for an hour of peace and silence, come spend it with Jesus.

We are looking for people to fill Mondays 12pm – 1pm. Contact:

Andrea (201) 874-8769 or Marie (732) 885-7972

## Food Pantry

The food pantry is still in need of the following items:

- Ramen noodles & cup-a-soup
- Spaghetti & tomato sauce
- Cereal (regular size) & rice
- Large soup cans (all varieties), tuna
- Canned vegetables – corn, mixed vegetables, peas, and green bean
- Peanut butter & Jelly

Thank you for your generosity.

## Midnight Run



### Midnight Run

The Youth of the Parish will participating in a Midnight Run **Friday, December 1**, to feed and clothe the homeless of NYC.

We are in need of the following donations:

- New underwear (men's L & XL sizes)
- New socks
- New T-Shirts (men's XL & XXL)
- Toiletries (travel size)
- Gently used and clean clothes (men's L, XL, & XXL)
  - Jackets, sweaters, pants, hats

Please drop off all donations to the Parish Office. For more information on the program please visit:  
<https://midnightrun.org/our-story>

## Our Lady of Guadalupe



Join the Parish family in the celebration of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** Dec. 10 at the 1:30 pm Mass.

Celebration to follow in Msgr. Trapasso Hall.



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